



Newsletter

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Autumn 2, Week 12

This week

Farewell

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sands, our School Business Manager. Mrs Sands has worked at the Schools since 2002, but having recently moved to the South Coast, will be looking forward to her new life at the seaside! We know you would want to wish her all the best for the future, and of course, we will all miss her.

Reception and KS1 Nativities

Please see below for the dates and times of our Nativity performances. The performances are the same on both days and in order to accommodate numbers we invite a different Reception, Y1 and Y2 class on each day. The class whose day it is will be seated at the front where they can be seen more clearly.

Christmas Bazaar

What a wonderful Christmas Bazaar today. The children had a wonderful time choosing their gifts, wrapping them, and attaching the labels all ready for the big day! Thank you to all the helpers and the PTA for making this such a magical and special event for the children. Thank you also to all of our parents for their fabulous donations.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fair last Sunday. The Choirs sang beautifully! The Fair was a great success with lots of festive stalls, some run by former Trafalgar children!

KS1 Christmas Post box

The Christmas Post box for KS1 children is situated by the office and is now open! If your child wishes to send a Christmas card to a friend in KS1 please write the name of the recipient clearly on the outside with the name of their class. This makes it easier for our Y2 helpers to sort the cards out correctly. Thank you.

KS2 Christmas Post box

The Christmas Post box for KS2 is situated in the hall. If your child wishes to send a Christmas card to a friend in KS2 please write the name of the recipient clearly on the outside with the name of their class. This makes it easier for our Y6 helpers to sort the cards out correctly. Thank you.

Gingerbread House

Wholefoods, who fund the Schools to Market Programme that we take part in every year, has donated a gingerbread house to the school which we will be putting in to a silent auction for our staff and families to bid for. The house is about 40 cm high and weighs 4 kg. The gingerbread house will go to the highest bidder and the money will be used to buy outdoor learning equipment. Go to the link below to make your bid.

<https://forms.office.com/e/taf19mnSbH>



Road Safety

This week new banners about car idling have been put up in Gothic and Third Cross Roads. Idling can result in increasing air pollution around our schools, so your co-operation is appreciated if you can turn off your car engine, and help increase the air quality around our schools. Thank you.

Thank you for being considerate when bringing your children to school and picking them up every day, and not parking over residents' dropped kerbs, on the double yellow lines, or zig zag lines. There are parking bays in the surrounding roads, or even, park a little further out and walk in.

Children born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21

If you have a child born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21 you need to apply for a place for him/her to start in Reception in September 2025. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions. **Closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.** You need to apply even if you already have an older child attending Trafalgar Schools.

Y2 Children

Parents/Carers of children in Y2 need to apply for a place for their child to move to Trafalgar Junior School in September 2025. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions. **Closing date for applications is 15 January 2025** Although this is just a formality, all families must complete the form.

School Admissions

Admission authorities are required to consult on their admission arrangements for the academic year 2026/27 either when changes are proposed, or at least once every seven years even if no changes have been made.

Please see the link for the public consultation on the admission arrangements for the academic year 2026/27. The closing date for comments is 6 January 2025 (at 5pm).

The proposal is to reduce the forms of entry from 3 form (90 pupils) to 2 form (60 pupils) as well as amending the criteria for over subscription. The proposal is to give a higher priority for children currently in the Infants school wishing to join the Junior School, followed by priority for children of staff members.

Please see attached flyer.

This is explained more fully via the link below.

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/school-admissions/admission-arrangements>

Simple Steps to Help Keep Your Child Healthy This Winter

With flu and norovirus cases on the rise, here are some simple steps to help keep your child healthy this winter.

1. Teach good hygiene habits: Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes to stop the spread of germs.
2. Know when to keep your child at home: Children can still attend school with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, but should stay home if they have a high temperature, diarrhoea and vomiting. Read [NHS guidance](#) to help you decide.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Reminder

If you have a dog, please do not tie it up at the school gates (see page 16 of the Parents Handbook). This can be distressing for a dog, and there was a very nasty incident some years back when a dog tied up unfortunately bit a passerby. Thank you.

Christmas Holiday Toddler Funtime Sessions

Come along to our Christmas holiday toddler club sessions at Teddington Sports Centre and Whitton Sports Fitness Centre. Under 5's can enjoy the fantastic range of soft play equipment. (Drop-in session, pre-booking not required).

Please see [our Whitton website](#) and [Teddington website](#) for more information.

Poppy Appeal 2024.

A fantastic £77.95 was raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal! Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause. Thank you also to Miss Hutchins and Mrs Tomlinson-Read for providing the beautifully hand made poppies – all proceeds, of course, going to the Royal British Legion.

EHCP workshop – Thursday 16 January (Richmond Library Annexe)

Our first post-Christmas workshop will be on EHC Needs Assessments – and will be run by Ruils SEN Advisor Richard Wilding. This workshop is funded for Richmond families and will be held on Thursday 16 January at the Richmond Library Annexe.

The aim of the workshop is to provide parents with the information they need about EHC Needs Assessment requests, equipping them with the information need to be able to gather necessary evidence, draft and file the request. Please note that Richmond Library Annexe is a separate building to the main library. It is clearly signposted **Richmond Library Annexe** and can be found down Quadrant Road, Richmond (in between Lloyds Bank and Specsavers). Please book a space using the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ehc-needs-assessment-requests-how-to-gather-evidence-draft-and-file-tickets-1083066243289?aff=oddtcreator>


Knights Basket Ball – Holiday Camp

10.00 am - 3.00 pm, 23 December, 2 and 3 January at Waldegrave School. Age groups 5 – 12 years. Go to www.knightsbasketball.co.uk or email @knightsbball09 for more information.

Koosa Kids

See attached flyer.

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Sat 7 Dec	All	Pre-ordered Christmas tree pick up 9.00 -11.00am Meadway	
Tues 17 Dec	All	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	
Fri 20 Dec	All	Christmas-Sing-a-Long at 8.45 am in the KS1 playground – all welcome including EYFS. All children must be accompanied by an adult and Reception children must be walked back to Meadway by their adult.	
Thu 6 March	All	World Book Day	
Fri 14 March	All	Red Nose Day	
EYFS and KS1 DATES			
Wed 11 Dec	EYFS	To watch KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal. Children to be dropped at Gothic Road at 8.55.	
Thurs 12 Dec	KS1	Orange and Green Christmas Nativity at 9.15 am	
Thurs 12 Dec	EYFS	Silver parents to watch Christmas Nativity at 11.00 am	
Fri 13 Dec	KS1	Scarlet and Blue Christmas Nativity at 9.15 am	
Fri 13 Dec	EYFS	Gold parents to watch Christmas Nativity at 11.00 am	
Mon 16 Dec	EYFS/KS1	Christmas theatre performance. Reception to be picked up from Gothic Road at 3:00 pm. Although this is subsidised by the PTA, we are asking for a contribution of £5.00. Please pay by Parentmail.	
Thurs 6 Feb	Y2	Visit to Strawberry Hill House	
KS2 DATES			
Tues 10 Dec	Y3 and Y4	Nativity Performance at 9.10 am in Elmsleigh School Hall	
Wed 11 Dec	Y3 and Y4	Nativity Performance at 9.10 am in Elmsleigh School Hall	
Tues 17 Dec	Y5 and Y6	Pantomime (early eves time tbc)	
Wed 18 Dec			
Thurs 30 Jan	6WS	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Tues 4 Feb	Y5 and Y6 Choir	Young Voices at the O2	
Thur 27 Feb	5S	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 6 Mar	4P	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 20 Mar	5AJ	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 27 Mar	3I	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 8 May	4M	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Fri 16 May – Sun 18 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall – meeting to be held in Spring term and a letter to go out. Rest day on Monday 19 May – no school for Y5.	
Thur 12 June	5B	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	

Thur 19 June	6D	Class Assembly at 9.00 am
Fri 20 June – Mon 23 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood. Rest day on Tuesday 24 June – no school for Y6.
Thur 26 June	3J	Class Assembly at 9.00 am

COMMUNITY

Ukrainian and English Carols

Join us on **Sunday, 15 December, at 7.00 pm (doors - 6.30 pm)** at **St Mary's Church, Twickenham**, for a magical evening of classical music, Ukrainian & English carols! ✨

Tickets are available on:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/magical-evening-of-classical-favourites-tickets-1088891526869?aff=oddtcreator>

All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Rehabilitation Centre of Kamyanets-Podilskyi City Hospital in Western Ukraine.

The funds will be used to purchase equipment for an occupational therapy room and a physical therapy for children with disabilities.

Spread the word and enjoy a night of Christmas magic! ✨



SEN Leaflets

See attached flyers.